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7 April 1961

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

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a. We again discussed financing for [REDACTED]. The Director asked Dick Bissell and me to tell him specifically what we wanted him to say to Mr. McNamara, and agreed to see him. However, shortly after the meeting, I talked with Ed Lansdale who indicated that based upon conversations which he and the Defense Comptroller have had with Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric, the attitude in the Pentagon seems to have changed and they are proceeding along a much more liberal and realistic approach. (See separate Memorandum for the Record on this conversation dated 7 April 1961.)

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5. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning, Dick Bissell announced that at a meeting presided over by the President last night, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dick also indicated that the Secretary of State and the President appeared ready to announce publicly that we would honor our previous unilateral commitment to abide by the Geneva accord.

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3 April 1961

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1. I advised [ ] of the difficulty we are having in dealing with Mr. Bissell in connection with the preparation of papers having to do with the financing of operations in Cuba [ ] I told him that unless I could get this straightened out pretty soon it would be necessary for me to write a memorandum to the Director advising him in writing of the dangers I have already attempted to express orally.

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4. Desmond FitzGerald called to ask me whether there was any news in connection with the financing [ ] stating that he had a voucher in front of him to sign. I told him that the Director had taken no action as yet, and that insofar as this particular voucher was concerned, the money had already been spent and he might as well go ahead and sign it.

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7. Dick Helms called me again this morning to say that he had some more information on the [ ] financial problem, indicating that Mr. Gilpatric had decided that the Department of Defense was going to find the money to finance this operation. He suggested that I give Ed Lansdale a call. After checking with General Cabell, I did this and later in the morning Larry Houston, [ ] and I went to the Pentagon and met for an hour with Ed Lansdale. Mr. Hoover, who is the deputy comptroller of the Department of Defense, and [ ] of Ed Lansdale's Staff.

a. Much to our surprise the first item on the agenda was financing of the [ ] operation. Apparently, growing out of some meeting with the President, it was decided that the Department of Defense should be prepared to provide a 5,000-man pack, a 10,000-man pack, and a 15,000-man pack for "follow-on" support during the covert phase of this operation. The Department of Defense has placed a price tag on this as follows:

5,000 man pack	\$6.5 million	
10,000 man pack	\$14 million	
15,000 man pack	\$19.5 million	TOTAL \$40,000,000

They are looking to CIA to fund this and want to know what source of funds they could cite. I told them that this was a complete surprise to me and that CIA could not finance it.

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b. We then discussed the [ ] and the philosophy of the Department of Defense representatives, or at least of Mr. Hoover, the deputy comptroller, which was that CIA was in command, therefore, we should fund this project and the Department of Defense was not really very much involved. I told them that this was entirely contrary to my understanding which was that CINCPAC was in command [ ]

It was obvious to all of us that no one except the Director, Mr. McNamara, and possibly Mr. Bell and the President could settle these matters, and we finally agreed that we could probably be most helpful by drawing up a set of issues which we all agreed were issues for Mr. Dulles and Mr. McNamara and others to settle. I undertook to try to do this for CIA, and after discussing the matter with Dick Helms and General Cabell, I asked Desmond FitzGerald to take a crack at this, I asked [ ] do the same thing for WH.

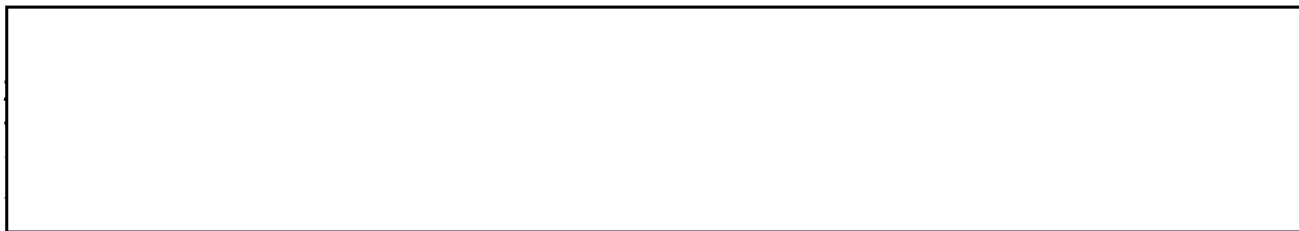
c. I met with both of them in the course of the day, and at the close of business they were trying to draw up such a paper. On Saturday morning, however, 1 April, Des FitzGerald called to say that he had drafted his paper, coordinated it with Mr. Bissell, who signed it and would bring it up at the morning meeting on Monday. I told him that this was fine with me. In fact, when I had discussed this matter with Mr. Bissell, I told him that I would be very glad to turn the whole thing over to him. However, he did not accept this challenge at all but I suspect that we are in for some more uncoordinated efforts of anyone outside of the DD/P helping him with his affairs.

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting

